

ABSTRACT

The initialization method is applied to a digital decoder comprising a tuner that can receive, in succession, data on several frequencies, each frequency being able to carry a data transport stream containing forthcoming events tables transmitted by service providers. It consists in analyzing in succession the data received on each transport stream so as to detect the presence of forthcoming events tables and in recording in the decoder a list of identifiers of the service providers transmitting forthcoming events tables. Advantageously this list is utilized by a program guide in order to inform the user of the program grids available and not available according to the service providers.

Single figure.